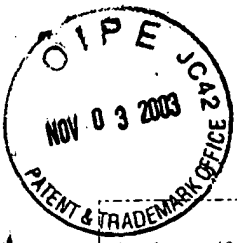


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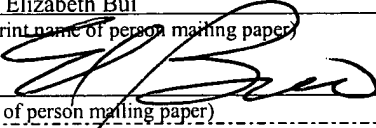
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Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated 02 October 2003, having a one-month shortened statutory period for reply in the above-referenced patent application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this case in view of the following remarks.